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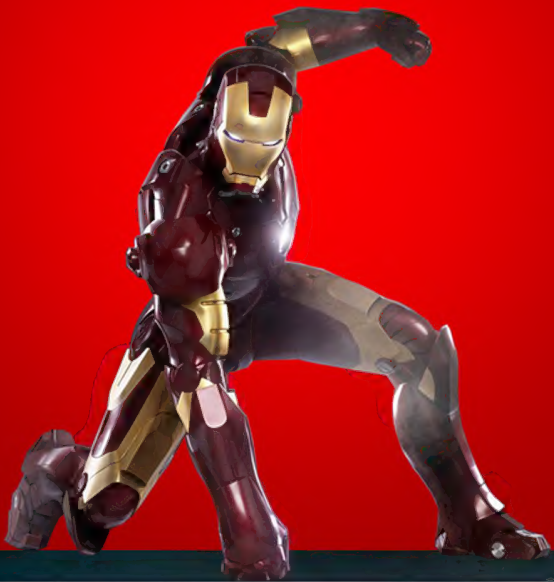

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PHASE ONE

AVENGERS ASSEMBLED

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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO
THE IRON
YUMA PROVING GROUND, ARIZONA.
KWOOOOM
AND THAT, GENTLEMEN, IS HOW YOU BLOW THINGS UP.
YOU JUST FLATTENED TWO GENERALS.
THEY ALWAYS FORGIVE ME, RHODEY. IT'S BECAUSE OF MY PRETTY BRAIN.
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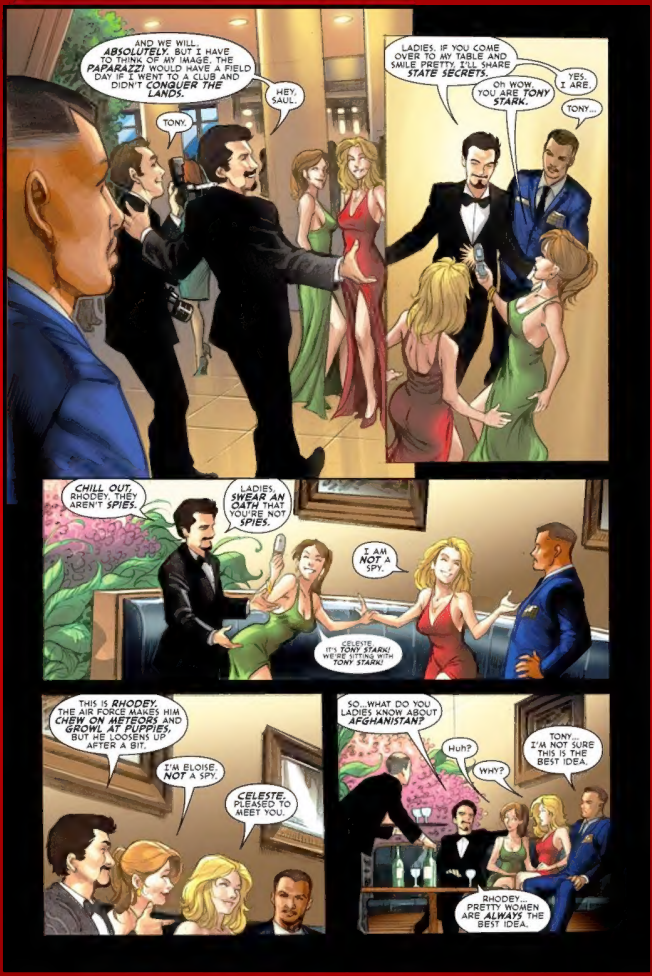
WHAT WAS THAT?
ACCELERATED WAVE EXPLOSION. AWE, IF YOU LIKE.
BASICALLY WE VIBRATE THE INDIVIDUAL ATOMS, LIKE IN A MICROWAVE, BUT A WHOLE LOT ZESTIER.
YOU DO LIKE ZEST, DON'T YOU, GENERAL?
WHAT'S THE RANGE ON THESE THINGS?

WERE YOU TALKING TO HER, OR ME?
MAN, DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO ACT LIKE AN ASS?
WERE YOU TALKING TO ME, OR THE GENERAL?
PEPPER, DO YOU HAVE THE WEAPON SPECIFICS?
YES I DO, MR. RHODES.
COULD YOU GIVE THEM TO THE GENERALS WHILE I--
--TRY TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO TONY. BUT FAIL. THEN FLY OFF IN HIS PRIVATE JET AND END UP AT A NIGHTCLUB WITH HIM?
PEPPER'S GOT BOTH OUR NUMBERS, DOESN'T SHE?
ONE HOUR AND TWELVE MINUTES LATER.
SHE HAS ALL THE NUMBERS. THAT'S WHY I PAY HER WHAT I ASSUME IS A LOT.
AHH! THERE. OUR EVENING IS LOOKING UP. WHICH ONE'S THE HOTTEST?
BROWN HAIR. BUT YOU PROMISED THAT IF I CAME ALONG TO THIS CLUB, THEN WE COULD DISCUSS THE AFGHANISTAN TRIP.


AND WE WILL, ABSOLUTELY. BUT I HAVE TO THINK OF MY IMAGE. THE PAPARAZZI WOULD HAVE A FIELD DAY IF I WENT TO A CLUB AND DIDN'T CONQUER THE LANDS.
HEY, SAUL.
TONY.
LADIES, IF YOU COME OVER TO MY TABLE AND SMILE PRETTY I'LL SHARE STATE SECRETS.
YES, I ARE.
OH WOW, YOU ARE TONY STARK.
TONY...
CHILL OUT, RHODEY. THEY AREN'T SPIES.
LADIES, SWEAR AN OATH THAT YOU'RE NOT SPIES.
I AM NOT A SPY.
CELESTE, IT'S TONY STARK! WE'RE SITTING WITH TONY STARK!
THIS IS RHODEY. THE AIR FORCE MAKES HIM CHEW ON METEORS AND GROWL AT PUPPIES, BUT HE LOOSENS UP AFTER A BIT.
I'M ELOISE. NOT A SPY.
CELESTE. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
SO...WHAT DO YOU LADIES KNOW ABOUT AFGHANISTAN?
HUH?
WHY?
TONY... I'M NOT SURE THIS IS THE BEST IDEA.
RHODEY... PRETTY WOMEN ARE ALWAYS THE BEST IDEA.

YOU SEE, ELOISE, TWO WEEKS FROM NOW I'M SCHEDULED TO GO TO AFGHANISTAN AND TEST A WEAPON SO SECRET THAT I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU ITS NAME.
WHAT IS ITS NAME?
THE JERICHO PROJECT.
PROBLEM IS, RHODEY HERE DOESN'T THINK I SHOULD GO.
IT'S A HOT ZONE. TONY'S TOO VALUABLE TO GO INTO A HOT ZONE.
EXACTLY HOW VALUABLE ARE YOU?
HOT ZONE. 'tee-hee!'
I KEEP TELLING RHODEY THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL BE FINE, BUT IT'S HIS JOB TO WORRY. THE AIR FORCE ASSIGNED HIM AS MY LONG-TERM BABYSITTER.
SPEAKING OF SITTING, WE'RE DOING TOO MUCH OF IT.
DO YOU GIRLS DANCE?
YEP.
GOOD. DANCE AROUND ME. IT CLEARS MY HEAD.
TONY, IT'S JUST THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE THERE TO TEST THE WEAPON. AFGHANISTAN IS NO PLACE FOR YOU.
I HATE WHEN PEOPLE TELL ME MY PLACE.
WHICH REMINDS ME, CELESTE, ELOISE, LET'S GO SEE MY PLACE!
YEAH!
IS RHODEY COMING ALONG? HE'S CUTE.
THANKS, YEAH... I SUPPOSE I COULD--

OOPS. SORRY.
DUDE! YOU TOTALLY SPILLED MY DRINK! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE...HEY! YOU'RE TONY STARK!
HE TOTALLY IS! WE'RE WITH TONY STARK.
YOU WERE HERE LAST WEEK! AND YOU LEFT WITH MY JENNIFER!
THAPT
HEY! CHUMP!
MESS WITH TONY AND YOU'RE MESSING WITH ME!
BWAMM
Ouch.
WHO'S JENNIFER?
NO COMMENT. LISTEN, I'LL BET YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS RHODEY WINS.
I DON'T HAVE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
HERE. TAKE THIS. IT'S FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
NOW THEN, I'LL BET YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS RHODEY WINS.

NO BET. I'M KEEPING THE MONEY.
CRAP. I HATE FLIRTING WITH SMART GIRLS.
GREAT JOB. AIR FORCE TRAINED YOU WELL.
THEY DON'T TRAIN ME. I TRAIN THEM.
AND THIS IS JUST THE SORT OF THING I'M TALKING ABOUT.
WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN GO TO A DANCE CLUB WITHOUT A FIGHT BREAKING OUT, YOU THINK IT'S SMART TO GO TO AFGHANISTAN?
NO PROBLEM. YOU'LL BE THERE JUST LIKE YOU WERE HERE.
THINGS HAPPEN IN HOT ZONES, TONY. THEY JUST DO. PEOPLE LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG THERE.
MAYBE NOT, BUT I'LL TELL YOU A PLACE WHERE WE BOTH BELONG.
YEAH... WHERE'S THAT?
BACK AT MY PLACE, WITH THESE TWO BEAUTIFUL LADIES, WHO JUST MIGHT BE SPIES AFTER ALL.
C'MON, RHODEY... WE'RE DANGEROUS. YOU NEED TO PROTECT TONY.
OKAY, YOU WIN.
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GROW UP SOME OTHER DAY.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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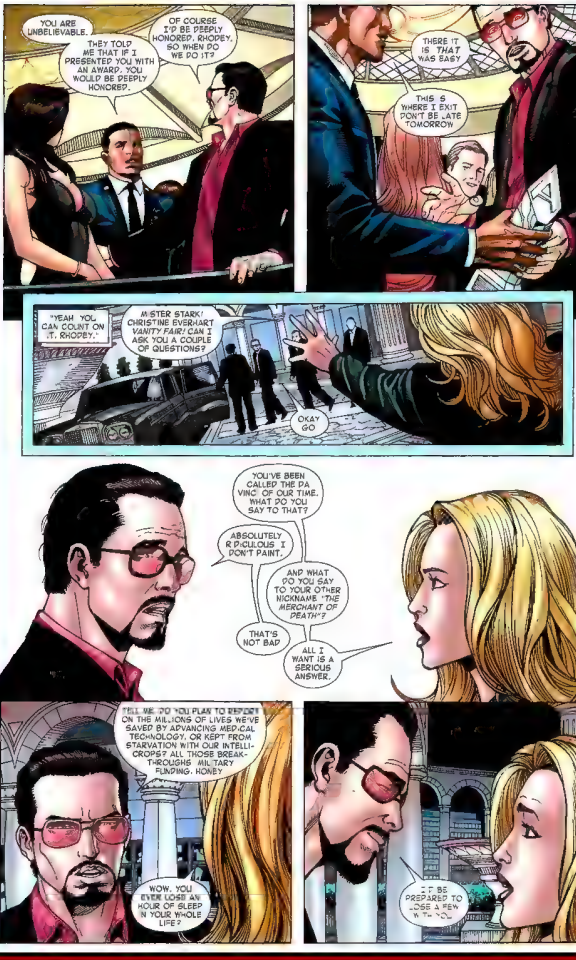
KUNAR PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN...
I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE DRIVIN' ME TO A COURT MARTIAL. WHAT, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK?
"WE CAN TALK, MR STARK."
"SO IT'S PERSONAL?"
S.R. IS IT TRUE YOU WENT TWELVE FOR TWELVE WITH LAST YEAR'S MAXIM COVER MODELS?
YES AND NO. MARCH AND I HAD A SCHEDULING CONFLICT BUT FORTUNATELY THE CHRISTMAS COVER WAS TWINS. ANYTHING ELSE?
IS IT COOL IF I TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOU?
YES, IT'S VERY COOL
PLEASE NO GANG SIGNS
NO, THROW IT UP. I'M KIDDING
YEAH. "PEACE." I LOVE PEACE. I'D BE OUT OF A JOB WITH PEACE
BRRRROOM
CONTACT LEFT. CONTACT LEFT!
JIMMY! STAY WITH STARK!
SON OF A--
ARRRRHHHHH!

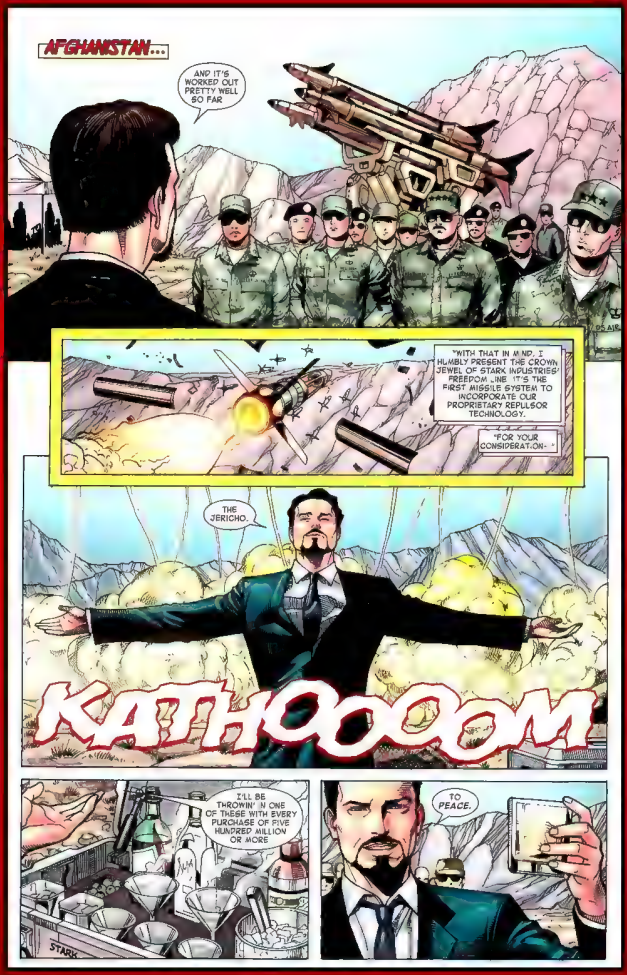
"GENIUS AMERICAN PATRIOT.
"EVEN FROM AN EARLY AGE, TONY STARK--THE SON OF LEGENDARY WEAPONS DEVELOPER HOWARD STARK--QUICKLY STOLE THE SPOTLIGHT WITH HIS BRILLIANT AND UNIQUE MIND.
"AND AT SEVENTEEN, HE GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM M.I.T.
"THEN, THE PASSING OF A TITAN--AS HOWARD AND MARIA STARK DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT LEAVING HOWARD STARK'S LIFELONG FRIEND AND ALLY OBADIAH STANE, TO FILL THE GAP
"UNTIL AT AGE 20.
"... THE PRODIGAL SON RETURNS...
STARK
"... AND IS ANOINTED THE NEW C.E.O. OF STARK INDUSTRIES.

NOW...
THEN...
"AS LIAISON TO STARK INDUSTRIES, I'VE HAD THE UNIQUE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING WITH A REAL PATRIOT. HE IS MY FRIEND AND HE IS MY GREAT MENTOR.
"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S APOGEE AWARD TO MISTER TONY STARK.
TONY 2

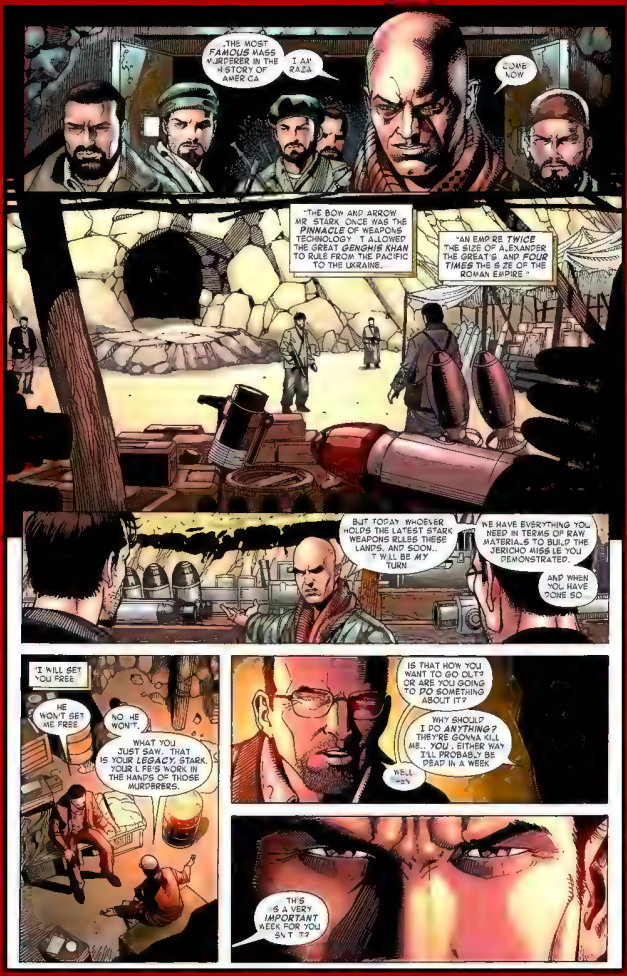

YOU ARE UNBELIEVABLE.
THEY TOLD ME THAT IF I PRESENTED YOU WITH AN AWARD, YOU WOULD BE DEEPLY HONORED.
OF COURSE I'D BE DEEPLY HONORED, RHODEY. SO WHEN DO WE DO IT?
THERE IT IS. THAT WAS EASY.
THIS S WHERE I EXIT. DON'T BE LATE TOMORROW.
"YEAH, YOU CAN COUNT ON IT, RHODEY."
MISTER STARK! CHRISTINE EVERHART VANITY FAIR! CAN I ASK YOU A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS?
OKAY GO.
YOU'VE BEEN CALLED THE DA VINCI OF OUR TIME. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?
ABSOLUTELY R.D.CULOUS I DON'T PAINT.
AND WHAT DO YOU SAY TO YOUR OTHER NICKNAME "THE MERCHANT OF DEATH"?
THAT'S NOT BAD
ALL I WANT IS A SERIOUS ANSWER.
TELL ME, DO YOU PLAN TO REPENT ON THE MILLIONS OF LIVES WE'VE SAVED BY ADVANCING MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, OR KEPT FROM STARVATION WITH OUR INTELLI-CROPS? ALL THOSE BREAK-THROUGHS MILITARY FUNDING, HONEY.
WOW. YOU EVER LOSE AN HOUR OF SLEEP IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE?
I'D BE PREPARED TO LOSE A FEW W**H YOU.

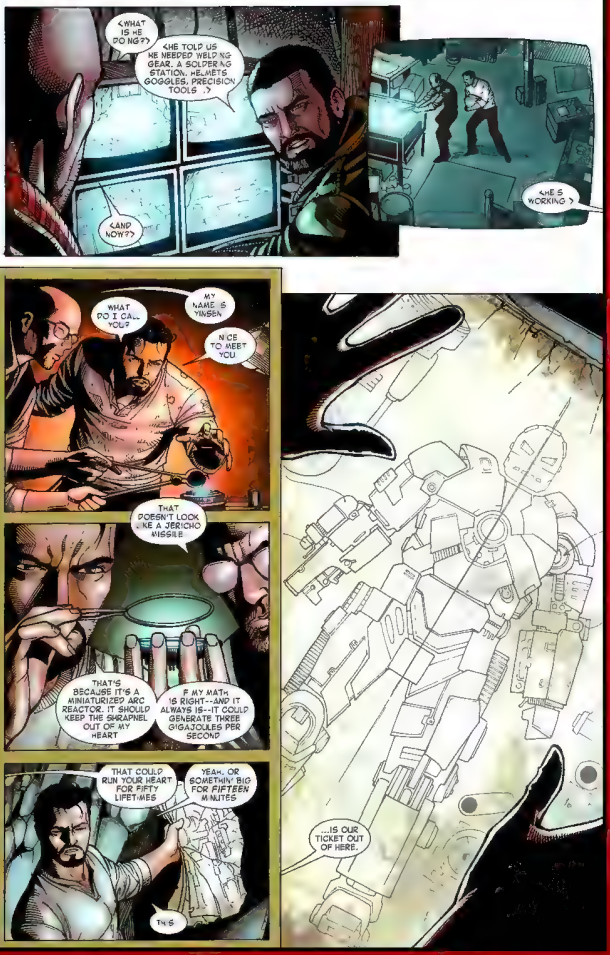
GOOD MORNING. IT'S SEVEN A.M. THE WEATHER IN MALIBU IS SEVENTY-TWO DEGREES WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS. THE SURF CONDITIONS ARE FAIR WITH WAIST-TO-SHOULDER-HIGH LINES.
HUH?
HIGH TIDE WILL BE AT TEN FIFTY-TWO A.M.
TONY?
THAT'S J.A.R.V.I.S. HE RUNS THE HOUSE.
I'VE GOT YOUR CLOTHES HERE. THEY'VE BEEN DRY-CLEANED AND PRESSED AND THERE'S A CAR WAITING OUTSIDE THAT WILL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE YOU'D LIKE TO GO.
YOU MUST BE THE FAMOUS PEPPER POTTS.
INDEED I AM.
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, TONY STILL HAS YOU PICKING UP THE DRY-CLEANING.
I DO ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT MISTER STARK REQUIRES. INCLUDING, OCCASIONALLY...
...TAKING OUT THE TRASH.

HOW'D SHE TAKE IT?
LIKE A CHAMP. YOUR FLIGHT WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AN HOUR AND A HALF AGO
I THOUGHT WITH IT BEING MY PLANE AND ALL THAT IT WOULD JUS- WA'T FOR ME TO GET THERE
I NEED YOU TO SIGN THIS BEFORE YOU GET ON THE PLANE
WHAT ARE YOU TRYIN' TO GET R'D OF ME FOR? HAVE YOU GOT PLANS?
I'M ALLOWED TO HAVE PLANS ON MY BIRTHDAY
IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?
YES
I KNEW THAT GET YOURSELF SOMETHING NICE FROM ME.
I ALREADY DID. IT WAS VERY NICE.
YEAH?
VERY TASTEFUL.
THANK YOU, MISTER STARK.
YOU'RE WELCOME, MISS POTTS
"THEY SAY THE BEST WEAPON IS ONE YOU NEVER HAVE TO FIRE. I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE I PREFER THE WEAPON YOU ONLY HAVE TO FIRE ONCE. THAT'S HOW DAD DID IT. THAT'S HOW AMERICA DOES IT..."


AFGHANISTAN...
AND IT'S WORKED OUT PRETTY WELL SO FAR
"WITH THAT IN MIND, I HUMBLY PRESENT THE CROWN JEWEL OF STARK INDUSTRIES' FREEDOM LINE. IT'S THE FIRST MISSILE SYSTEM TO INCORPORATE OUR PROPRIETARY REPULSOR TECHNOLOGY.
"FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION-
THE JERICHO.
KATHOOOOM
I'LL BE THROWIN' IN ONE OF THESE WITH EVERY PURCHASE OF FIVE HUNDRED MILLION OR MORE
STARK
TO PEACE.

IT WENT GREAT, OBADIAH. LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE AN EARLY CHRISTMAS
WAY TO GO, MY BOY! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW GOOD-BYE TONY
HEY, TONY
I'M SORRY. THIS IS THE "RUN-VEE" THE "HUM-DRUM-VEE" IS BACK THERE
NICE JOB
SEE YOU BACK AT THE BASE
US AIR FORCE
FWEEE
"WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO ME?
WHOA!
WHAT D I DO? WHAT I DID IS SAVE YOUR LIFE I REMOVED ALL THE SHRAPNEL THAT I COULD, BUT THERE'S A LOT LEFT.
AND T'S HEADED INTO YOUR ATRIAL SEPTUM
I'VE SEEN MANY WOUNDS LIKE THAT IN MY VILLAGE WE CALL THEM THE WALKING DEAD
BECAUSE IT TAKES ABOUT A WEEK FOR THE BARBS TO REACH THE VITAL ORGANS.
THAT ELECTROMAGNET IS KEEPING THE SHRAPNEL FROM ENTERING YOUR HEART
WELCOME TONY STARK


THE MOST FAMOUS MASS MURDERER IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA
I AM RAZA
COME NOW
"THE BOW AND ARROW MR. STARK ONCE WAS THE PINNACLE OF WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY. IT ALLOWED THE GREAT GENGHIS KHAN TO RULE FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE UKRAINE.
"AN EMPIRE TWICE THE SIZE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S AND FOUR TIMES THE SIZE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE."
BUT TODAY WHOEVER HOLDS THE LATEST STARK WEAPONS RULES THESE LANDS. AND SOON... IT WILL BE MY TURN.
WE HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN TERMS OF RAW MATERIALS TO BUILD THE JERICHO MISSILE YOU DEMONSTRATED.
AND WHEN YOU HAVE DONE SO...
I WILL SET YOU FREE
HE WON'T SET ME FREE
NO. HE WON'T.
WHAT YOU JUST SAW... THAT IS YOUR LEGACY, STARK. YOUR LIFE'S WORK IN THE HANDS OF THOSE MURDERERS.
IS THAT HOW YOU WANT TO GO OUT? OR ARE YOU GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
WHY SHOULD I DO ANYTHING? THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME... YOU... EITHER WAY I'LL PROBABLY BE DEAD IN A WEEK.
WELL...
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT WEEK FOR YOU, SYT.


(WHAT IS HE DOING?)
(HE TOLD US HE NEEDED WELDING GEAR, A SOLDERING STATION, HELMETS GOGGLES, PRECISION TOOLS ...)
(AND NOW?)
(HE IS WORKING.)
WHAT DO I CALL YOU?
MY NAME IS YINSEN
NICE TO MEET YOU
THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A JERICHO MISSILE.
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S A MINIATURIZED ARC REACTOR. IT SHOULD KEEP THE SHRAPNEL OUT OF MY HEART
IF MY MATH IS RIGHT--AND IT ALWAYS IS--IT COULD GENERATE THREE GIGAJOULES PER SECOND
THAT COULD RUN YOUR HEART FOR FIFTY LIFETIMES
YEAH, OR SOMETHING BIG FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES
TNT.
...IS OUR TICKET OUT OF HERE.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHERE YOU'RE FROM.
A SMALL TOWN CALLED GULMIRA. IT'S ACTUALLY A NICE PLACE.
GOT ANY FAMILY?
YES. AND I WILL SEE THEM WHEN I LEAVE HERE. AND YOU, STARK?
...
NO. MM. SO YOU'RE A MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING... AND NOTHING.
WHY HAVE YOU FAILED ME, VINCENT? I LET YOU LIVE! THIS IS HOW YOU REPAY ME?
WE'RE WORKING DILIGENTLY! IT'S VERY COMPLEX! HE'S BUILDING YOUR JERICHO!
YOU HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW TO ASSEMBLE MY MISSILE.

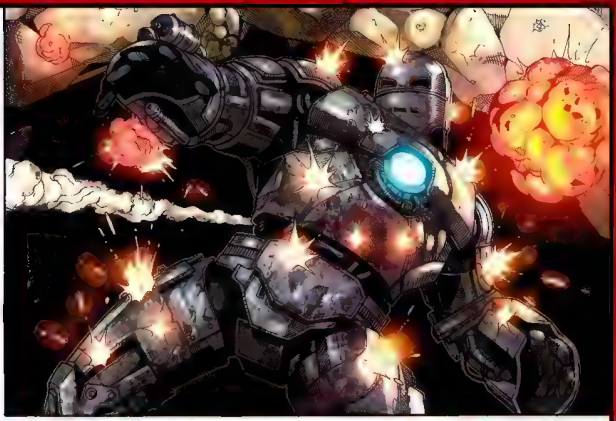
OKAY. OUR ESCAPE ROUTE AGAIN IS--?
FORTY STEPS STRAIGHT AHEAD
THEN FORE. RIGHT. THIRTY-THREE STEPS TURN RIGHT!
YINSEN!
YINSEN! STARK.
BAKOOOM
WELL. THE EXPLOSIVES I RIGGED ON THE DOOR WORKED. NOW INITIALIZE THE POWER SEQUENCE. FUNCTION ELEVEN
TELL ME WHEN YOU SEE A PROGRESS BAR
I HAVE IT
PRESS CONTROL-I. THEN COME OVER HERE AND BUTTON ME UP

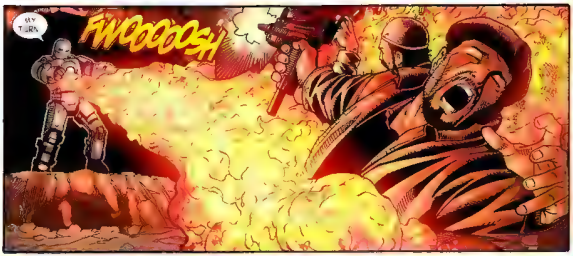
THEY'RE COMING
MAKE SURE THE CHECKPOINTS ARE CLEAR BEFORE YOU FOLLOW ME OUT. OKAY?
WE NEED MORE TIME
I'M GOING TO BUY YOU SOME MORE TIME!
STICK TO THE PLAN!
YINSEN!
AAHHHHHH!
<THE REST OF YOU, KEEP GOING! FIND STARK.>

<YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THE LAB IS DOWN THAT WAY--->
<STAY AWAY FROM THERE! IT WAS A MONSTER A DEMON!>
<WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT YOU--?>
KCHAK
EH--?
<I TOLD YOU! I>
YINSEN!!

W-WATCH OUT!
FWOOOOSH
BLAMOOOM

COME ON, WE'VE GOT TO GO. WE GOT A PLAN. WE'RE GONNA STICK TO T
THIS WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN, STARK
YOU'RE GONNA GO SEE YOUR FAMILY. GET UP
MY FAMILY IS DEAD. I'M GOING TO SEE THEM NOW, STARK
IT'S OKAY. IT'S—
I WANT THIS. I WANT THIS
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME
Don't waste it. Don't waste your life
CHRIST
WHERE HE COMES! GET HIM!

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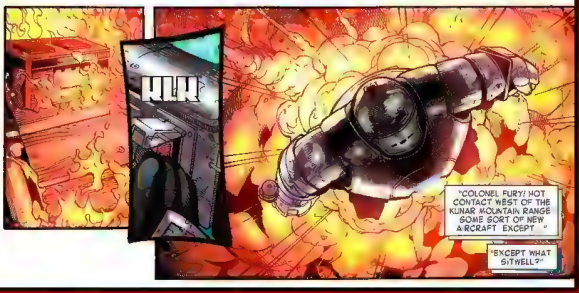
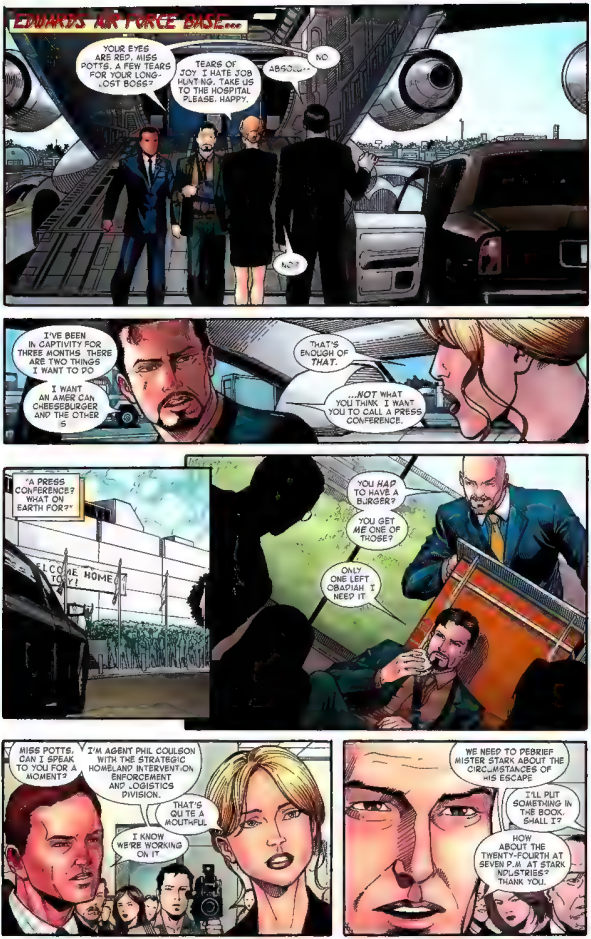

KLK
"COLONEL FURY! HOT CONTACT WEST OF THE KUNAR MOUNTAIN RANGE. SOME SORT OF NEW AIRCRAFT. EXCEPT--"
"EXCEPT WHAT SITWELL?"

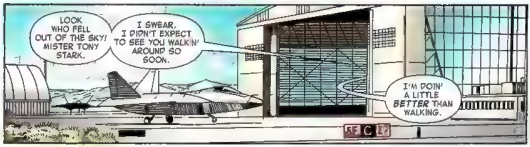
S-TWELL WHEN I SAY #XCEPT WHAT I EXPECT A RESPONSE
IT'S JUST... IT'S TOO SMALL TO BE EVEN A ONE-MAN CRAFT. AND IT'S GOT AN ENERGY SIGNATURE LIKE I'VE NEVER SEEN BE--
UH-OH CONTACT LOST
"WHATEVER IT IS IT MUST'VE CRASH-LANDED. MAYBE EVEN BROKE UP ON IMPACT."
"THAT CONTACT MAY BE THE FIRST SOLID LEAD TO STARK WE'VE GOTTEN, SITWELL. NOTIFY OUR FRIENDS IN THE P.O.P."
HUFFF HUFFFFF
HEY! HEY!
...RHODEY...
HOW WAS THE "RUN-VEE"?
HEH
NEXT TIME, YOU RIDE WITH ME, OKAY?


EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE...
YOUR EYES ARE RED, MISS POTTS. A FEW TEARS FOR YOUR LONG-LOST BOSS?
TEARS OF JOY. I HATE JOB HUNTING. TAKE US TO THE HOSPITAL PLEASE. HAPPY.
ABSOLUTELY.
NO.
NOW.
I'VE BEEN IN CAPTIVITY FOR THREE MONTHS. THERE ARE TWO THINGS I WANT TO DO.
I WANT AN AMERICAN CHEESEBURGER AND THE OTHER IS
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT.
...NOT WHAT YOU THINK. I WANT YOU TO CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE.
"A PRESS CONFERENCE? WHAT ON EARTH FOR?"
WELCOME HOME TONY!
YOU HAD TO HAVE A BURGER?
YOU GET ME ONE OF THOSE?
ONLY ONE LEFT OBADIAH. I NEED IT.
MISS POTTS. CAN I SPEAK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT?
I'M AGENT PHIL COULSON WITH THE STRATEGIC HOMELAND INTERVENTION, ENFORCEMENT AND LOGISTICS DIVISION.
THAT'S QUITE A MOUTHFUL.
I KNOW. WE'RE WORKING ON IT.
WE NEED TO DEBRIEF MISTER STARK ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ESCAPE.
I'LL PUT SOMETHING IN THE BOOK, SHALL I?
HOW ABOUT THE TWENTY-FOURTH AT SEVEN P.M. AT STARK INDUSTRIES? THANK YOU.

MR. STARK, WHAT HAPPENED OVER THERE?
I SAW YOUNG AMERICANS KILLED BY THE VERY WEAPONS I CREATED TO DEFEND AND PROTECT THEM
AND I SAW THAT I HAD BECOME PART OF A SYSTEM THAT IS COMFORTABLE WITH ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY
I HAD MY EYES OPENED. I CAME TO REALIZE THAT I HAVE MORE TO OFFER THIS WORLD THAN JUST MAKING THINGS THAT BLOW UP. AND THAT IS WHY...
...I AM SHUTTING DOWN THE WEAPONS MANUFACTURING DIVISION OF STARK INTERNATIONAL
MR. STARK!
OKAY. OKAY. THANK YOU TONY!
UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS I CAN DECIDE WHAT THE FUTURE OF HIS COMPANY WILL BE...
...WHAT DIRECTION IT SHOULD TAKE
MR. STARK, OVER HERE!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE A LITTLE INTERNAL DISCUSSION
ONE THAT I'M COMFORTABLE WITH AND IS CONSISTENT
"...WITH THE HIGHEST GOOD FOR THIS COUNTRY AS WELL. THANK YOU."
HE IS NO DE
TONY WE'RE A WEAPONS MANUFACTURER. THAT'S WHAT WE DO WE'RE IRON MONGERS WE MAKE WEAPONS
OBIE, I JUST... I DON'T WANT A BODY COUNT TO BE OUR ONLY LEGACY. WE CAN DO BETTER

I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK INTO ARC REACTOR TECHNOLOGY
TONY. COME ON! WE BUILT THAT THING TO SHUT THE HIPPIES UP! THE ARC WAS NEVER COST-EFFECTIVE WE KNEW THAT BEFORE WE BUILT IT
THAT'S A DEAD END, RIGHT?
WE HAVEN'T HAD A BREAKTHROUGH IN, WHAT, THIRTY YEARS? AM I RIGHT?
COULD YOU HAVE A LOUSIER POKER FACE? WHO TOLD YOU?
I WAS RHODEY OR PEPPER, OKAY RHODEY
SHOW ME.
I WANNA SEE IT
O. KAY.
OKAY? IT WORKS.
TONY... WE'RE A TEAM. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN'T DO IF WE STICK TOGETHER
BUT NO MORE OF THIS "READY, FIRE, AIM" BUSINESS.
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO TAKE A LOT OF HEAT. I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME THAT YOU'RE GONNA LIE LOW
THE NEXT DAY...
"PEPPER? COME DOWN HERE TO THE WORKSHOP. AND BRING YOUR HANDS."
"WHAT?"
"WINE ARE TOO BIG. JUST GET DOWN HERE."

OH MY GOD. IS THAT THE THING THAT'S KEEPING YOU ALIVE?
IT WAS. IT'S NOW AN ANTIQUE I WAS SWAPPING IT OUT FOR AN UPGRADED UNIT AND I JUST RAN INTO A LITTLE SNAG
AN EXPOSED WIRE UNDER THIS DEVICE IS CONTACTING THE SOCKET WALL AND IT'S CAUSING A LITTLE BIT OF A SHORT
PUT THAT ON THE TABLE OVER THERE
OH MY GOD!
THEN YOU'RE JUST GONNA GENTLY LIFT THE WIRE OUT. I REALLY NEED YOUR HELP HERE
YEAH. IT DOES. THE COPPER WIRE.. YOU GOT IT?
I GOT IT.
ECCHHH! THERE'S PUS!
IT SMELLS!
IT'S NOT PUS! IT'S AN INORGANIC PLASMIC DISCHARGE. THAT'S FROM THE DEVICE, NOT FROM MY BODY
NOW DON'T PULL THE MAGNET AT THE END OF..
YOU PULLED IT OUT. OKAY. QUICKLY..
ATTACH THE NEW ONE TO THE BASE PLATE BEFORE I GO INTO CARDIAC ARREST
THERE. ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH. I FEEL GREAT
DON'T EVER ASK ME TO DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT EVER AGAIN
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE BUT YOU
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH THIS?
THAT'S PEPPER'S. I INCINERATE IT
YOU DON'T WANT TO KEEP IT?
PEPPER. I'VE BEEN CALLED MANY THINGS. NOSTALGIC IS NOT ONE OF THEM.


LOOK, WHO FELL OUT OF THE SKY! MISTER TONY STARK.
I SWEAR, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU WALKIN' AROUND SO SOON.
I'M DOIN' A LITTLE BETTER THAN WALKING.
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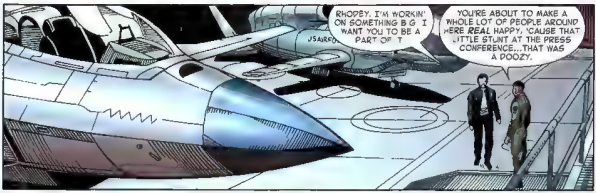
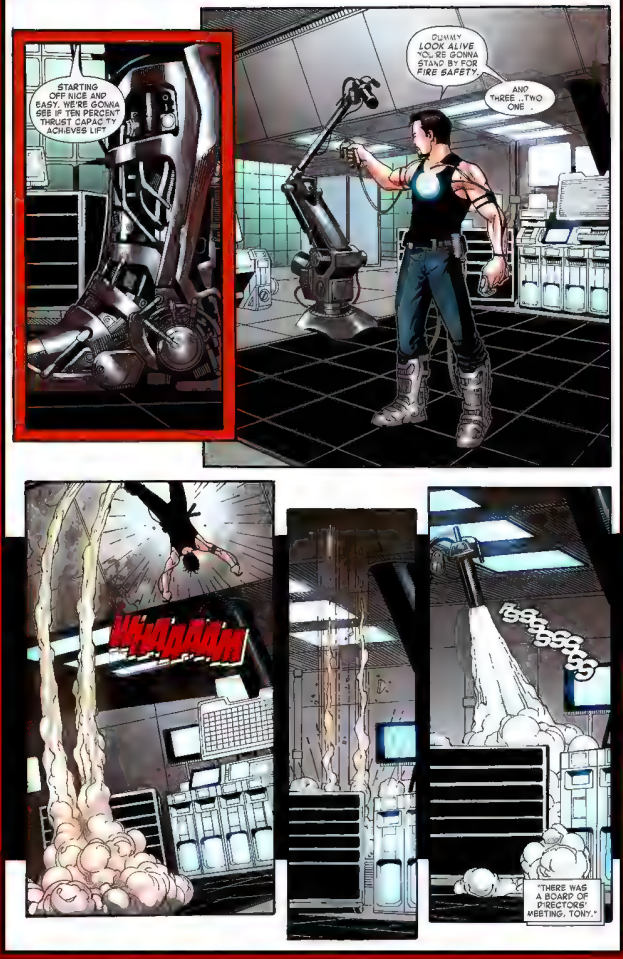

RHODEY, I'M WORKIN' ON SOMETHING B G I WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF T
JSAIRFO
YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND HERE REAL HAPPY, 'CAUSE THAT LITTLE STUNT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE...THAT WAS A POOPY.

THIS IS NOT FOR THE MILITARY. I'M NOT. . .
IT'S DIFFERENT
R'FORCE
WHAT? YOU'RE A HUMANITARIAN NOW OR SOMETHIN'?
I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME

NO.
WHAT YOU NEED IS TO GET YOUR MIND RIGHT.
HEH.
I'M SERIOUS.

OKAY.
T WAS NCE SEEIN' YOU, TONY.
THANKS.
OKAY. LET'S DO THIS RIGHT

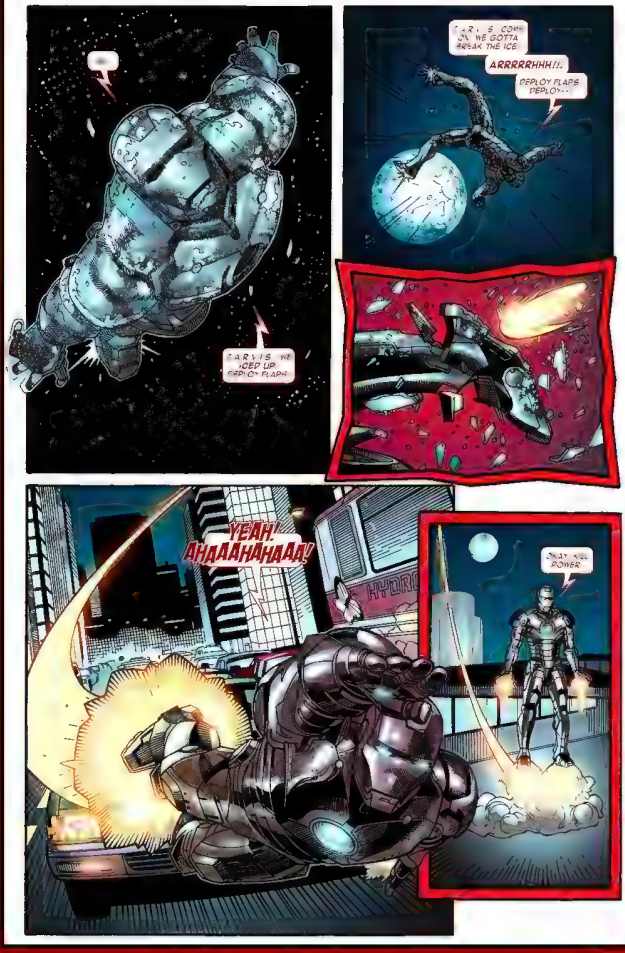

STARTING OFF NICE AND EASY. WE'RE GONNA SEE IF TEN PERCENT THRUST CAPACITY ACHIEVES LIFT.
DUMMY LOOK ALIVE. YOU'RE GONNA STAND BY FOR FIRE SAFETY.
AND THREE...TWO...ONE...
WHOOOOOM
BBBBBBBB
"THERE WAS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, TONY."

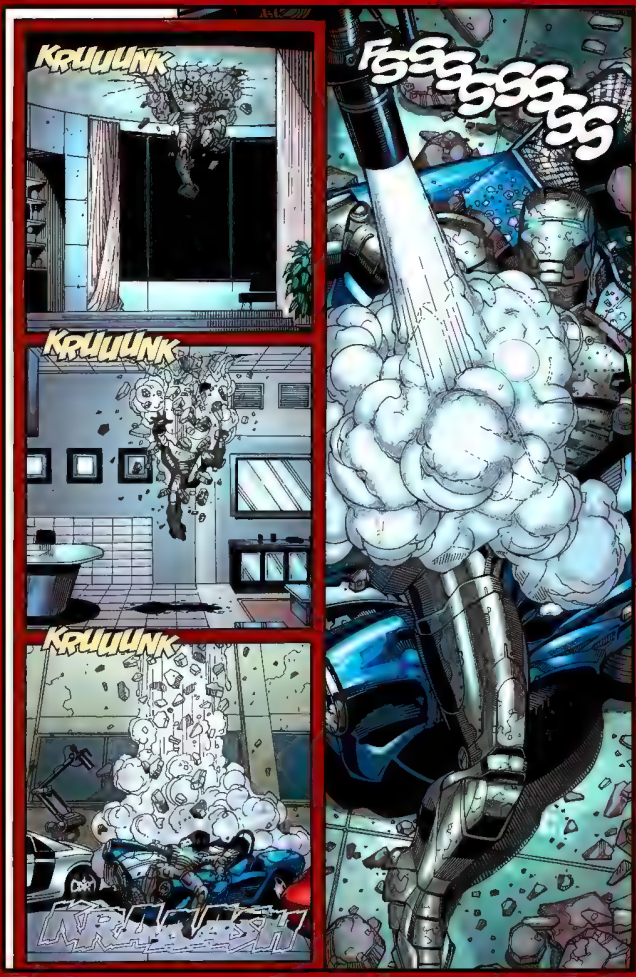
THEY'RE CLAIMING YOU HAVE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS. THEY'RE FILING AN INJUNCTION. THEY WANT TO LOCK YOU OUT
WHY? 'CAUSE THE STOCK'S DIPPED FORTY POINTS? WE KNEW THAT WAS GONNA HAPPEN.
FIFTY-SIX AND A HALF
TONY. THE BOARD IS MAKING THE CASE THAT YOU AND YOUR NEW DIRECTION AREN'T IN THE COMPANY'S BEST INTERESTS.
I'M BEING RESPONSIBLE! THAT'S A NEW DIRECTION...FOR ME. FOR THE COMPANY
I'M TRYING TO TURN THIS THING AROUND. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME SOMETHING TO PITCH 'EM.
LET ME HAVE THE ENGINEERS ANALYZE THAT YOU KNOW. FRAY UP SOME SPECS
NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT. TH S ONE STAYS WITH ME. THAT'S IT. OBIE FORGET IT.
WELL, DO YOU MIND IF I COME DOWN TO THE WORKSHOP AND SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'?
GOOD NIGHT OBIE
PAY ELEVEN. TEST THIRTY-SEVEN FOR LACK OF A BETTER OPTION. DUMMY S STILL ON FIRE SAFETY.
YOU POUSE HS AGAIN. AND I'M NOT ON FIRE, I'M DONATING YOU TO A CITY COLLEGE.
ALL RIGHT. NICE AND EASY ONE PERCENT THRUST CAPACITY AND THREE. TWO. ONE...
OKAY. LET'S BRING IT UP TO TWO-POINT-FIVE.

THERE IT IS. OKAY. EASY.
OKAY. THIS IS WHERE I DON'T WANNA BE.
NOT THE CARS! NOT THE--
--CARS
COULD'VE GONE WORSE. COULD BE WORSE! WE'RE FINE!
OKAY. WE'RE GETTING THERE. AH-AH-AH-AH.
YEAH, I CAN FLY

J.A.R.V.I.S. IMPORT ALL PREFERENCES FROM HOME INTERFACE.
WILL DO, SIR
DO A CHECK ON CONTROL SURFACES
AS YOU WISH
MARK TWO TEST COMPLETE PREPARING TO POWER DOWN AND BEGIN DIAGNOSTICS
-- -93- TEL. DO WHAT DO A WEATHER AND A T.C. CHECK START LISTENING IN ON GROUND CONTROL.
SIR, THERE ARE STILL TERABYTES OF CALCULATIONS NEEDED BEFORE AN ACTUAL FLIGHT IS ATTEMPTED
J.A.R.V.I.S. SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA RUN BEFORE YOU CAN WALK
READY IN THREE TWO

YEEEEEEAAAHHH!!!
HANDLES LIKE A DREAM!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE WHAT THIS THING CAN DO. WHAT'S THE SR-71'S RECORD?
THE ALTITUDE RECORD FOR FIXED-WING FLIGHT IS EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FEET. SIR.
RECORDS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN.
SIR, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FATAL BUILD-UP OF ICE ACCRETING
ABORT! ABORT! ABORT!


F.R.I.S. WE ICED UP. DEPLOY FLAPS!
F.R.I.S. COME ON, WE GOTTA BREAK THE ICE!
ARRRRRHHH!!.
DEPLOY FLAPS DEPLOY...!
SHUT HER POWER
YEAH! AHAAAHAHAA!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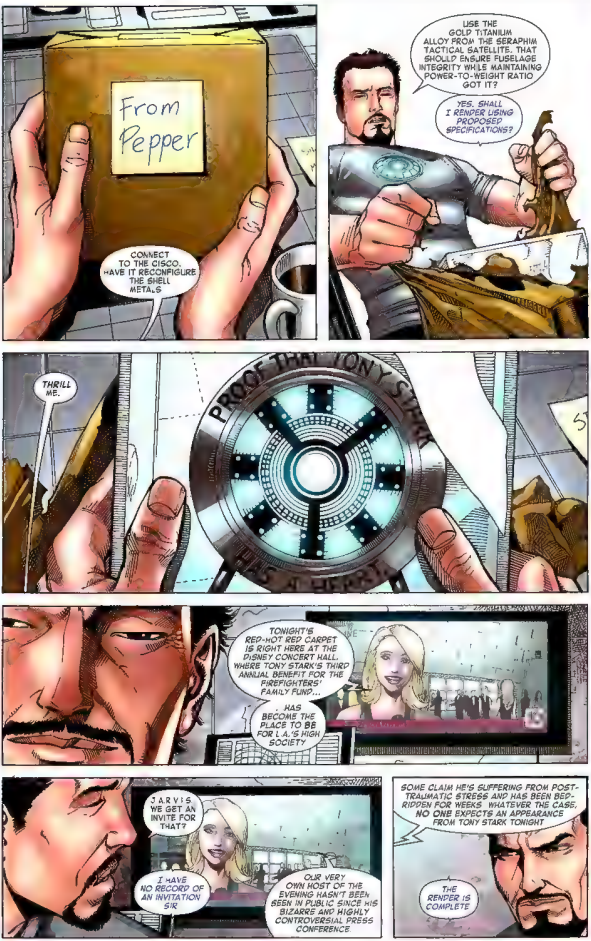
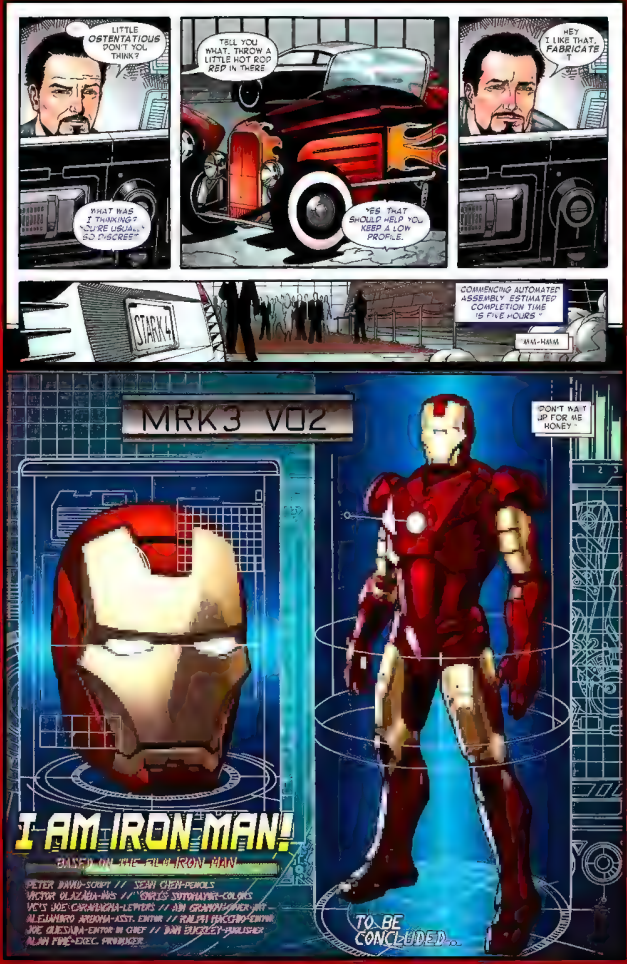

From Pepper
CONNECT TO THE CISCO. HAVE IT RECONFIGURE THE SHELL METALS
USE THE GOLD TITANIUM ALLOY FROM THE SERAPHIM TACTICAL SATELLITE. THAT SHOULD ENSURE FUSELAGE INTEGRITY WHILE MAINTAINING POWER-TO-WEIGHT RATIO GOT IT?
YES, SHALL I RENDER USING PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS?
THRILL ME.
PROOF THAT TONY STARK HAS A HEART
TONIGHT'S RED-HOT RED CARPET IS RIGHT HERE AT THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL. WHERE TONY STARK'S THIRD ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS' FAMILY FUND...
HAS BECOME THE PLACE TO BE FOR L.A.'S HIGH SOCIETY.
J.A.R.V.I.S. WE GET AN INVITE FOR THAT?
I HAVE NO RECORD OF AN INVITATION SIR.
OUR VERY OWN HOST OF THE EVENING HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC SINCE HIS BIZARRE AND HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.
SOME CLAIM HE'S SUFFERING FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AND HAS BEEN BED-RIDDEN FOR WEEKS. WHATEVER THE CASE, NO ONE EXPECTS AN APPEARANCE FROM TONY STARK TONIGHT
THE RENDER IS COMPLETE


LITTLE OSTENTATIOUS DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT WAS I THINKING? "SURE UBJAO," SO DISCREET.
TELL YOU WHAT, THROW A LITTLE HOT ROD RED IN THERE
YES. THAT SHOULD HELP YOU KEEP A LOW PROFILE.
HEY I LIKE THAT. FABRICATE
STARK 4
COMMENCING AUTOMATED ASSEMBLY. ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME IS FIVE HOURS.
MM-HMM.
MRK3 V02
DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME HONEY.
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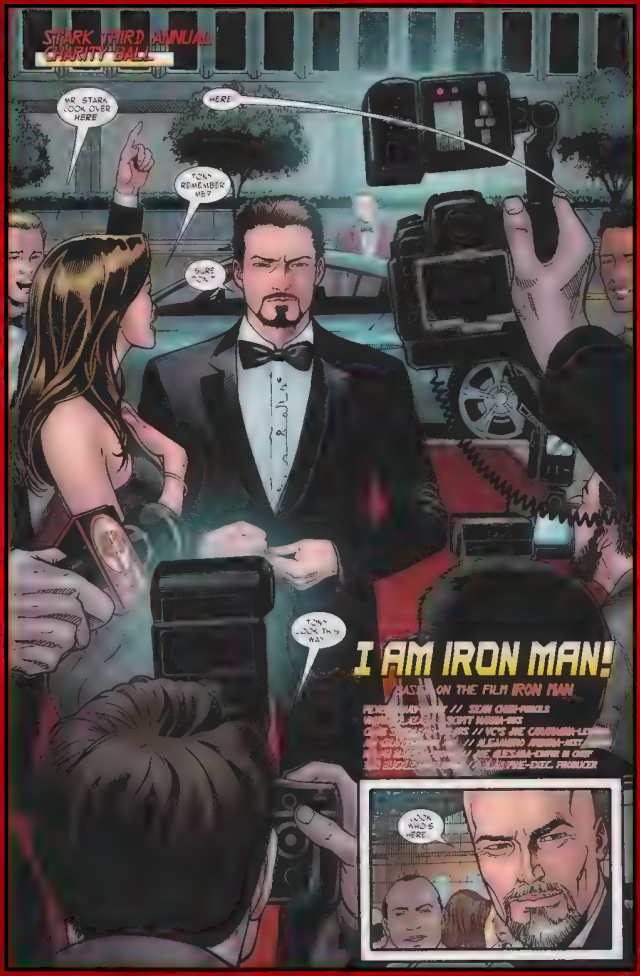

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MS. POTTS. YOU LOOK FANTASTIC. I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU. HEY, WHERE'D YOU GET THAT DRESS?
OH, IT WAS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FROM YOU ACTUALLY.
WE... I'VE GOT GREAT TASTE. YOU WANT TO DANCE?
OH, NO NO, THANK YOU NO
R-RIP
AM I MAK NG YOU UNCOMFORTABLE?
OH, NO NO I ALWAYS FORGET TO WEAR DEODORANT AND DANCE WITH MY BOSS IN FRONT OF EVERYONE THAT I WORK W TH N A DRESS WITH NO BACK
SHH LET'S GET SOME AIR
THAT WAS TOTALLY WEIRD
WE JUST DANCED
NO. IT WAS NOT JUST A DANCE. LOOK EVERYBODY KNOWS WHO YOU ARE AND HOW YOU ARE W TH GIRLS. BUT YOU'RE MY BOSS AND
WOULD YOU LIKE A DRINK?
I WOULD VODKA MARTINI W TH OLIVES. LOTS OF OLIVES

HI TWO VODKA MARTINIS EXTRA DRY EXTRA OLIVES EXTRA FAST
WOW TONY STARK FANCY SEEING YOU HERE
CARRIE CHRISTINE
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE SHOWING UP TONIGHT CAN I AT LEAST GET A REACTION FROM YOU?
PANIC I WOULD SAY. PANIC IS MY REACTION.
I WAS REFERRING TO YOUR COMPANY'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS LATEST ATROCITY
YEAH THEY JUST PUT MY NAME ON THE INVITATION I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YA
I'M SERIOUS. IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL ACCOUNTABILITY? TO A TOWN CALLED GULMIRA
WHEN WERE THESE TAKEN?
YESTERDAY
I DIDN'T APPROVE ANY SHIPMENT
WELL YOUR COMPANY DID
WELL I'M NOT MY COMPANY

OBADIAH HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PICTURES? HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON IN GULMIRA?
ARE WE DOUBLE-DEALING UNDER THE TABLE? ARE WE?
LET'S TAKE A PICTURE COME ON PICTURE TIME
JOE...
AND SO YOU THINK LOCKED YOU OUT OF THE COMPANY? I WAS THE ONE WHO FUSE THE NUKES ON AGAINST YOU
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD PROTECT YOU
THE FIFTEEN-MILE HIKE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF GULMIRA CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A DESCENT INTO HELL. INTO A MODERN-DAY HEART OF DARKNESS

WHOLE FARMERS AND HERDERS FROM PEACEFUL VILLAGES HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES DISPLACED FROM THEIR LANDS BY WARLORDS EMBOLDENED BY A NEW FOUND POWER
RECENT VIOLENCE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO A GROUP OF FOREIGN FIGHTERS REFERRED TO BY LOCALS AS THE TEN RINGS
THERE'S VERY LITTLE HOPE FOR THESE REFUGEES
WE CAN ONLY WONDER WHO IF ANYONE
FWZAAAAH
WILL HELP

GULNRA...

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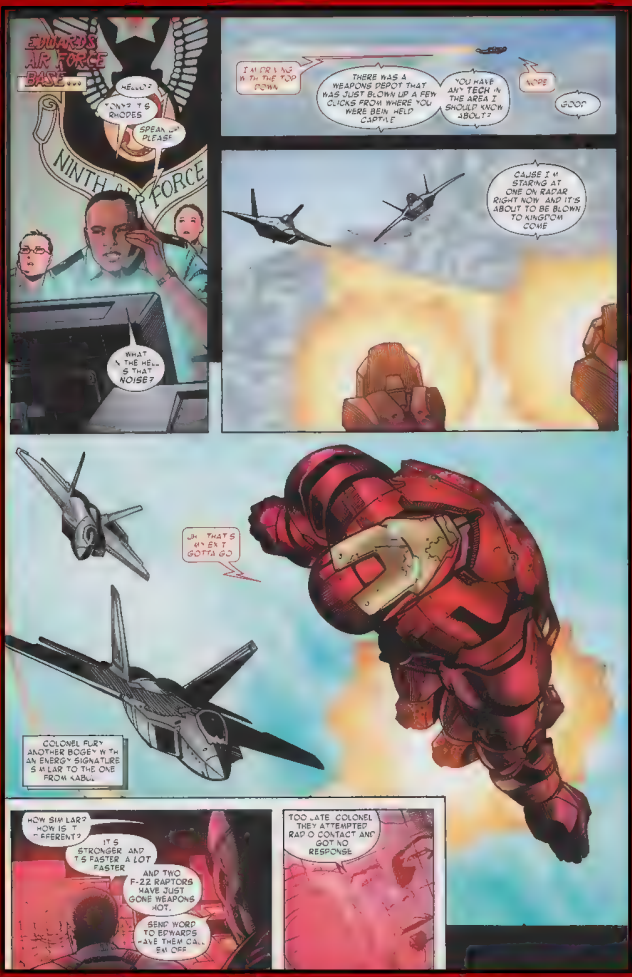
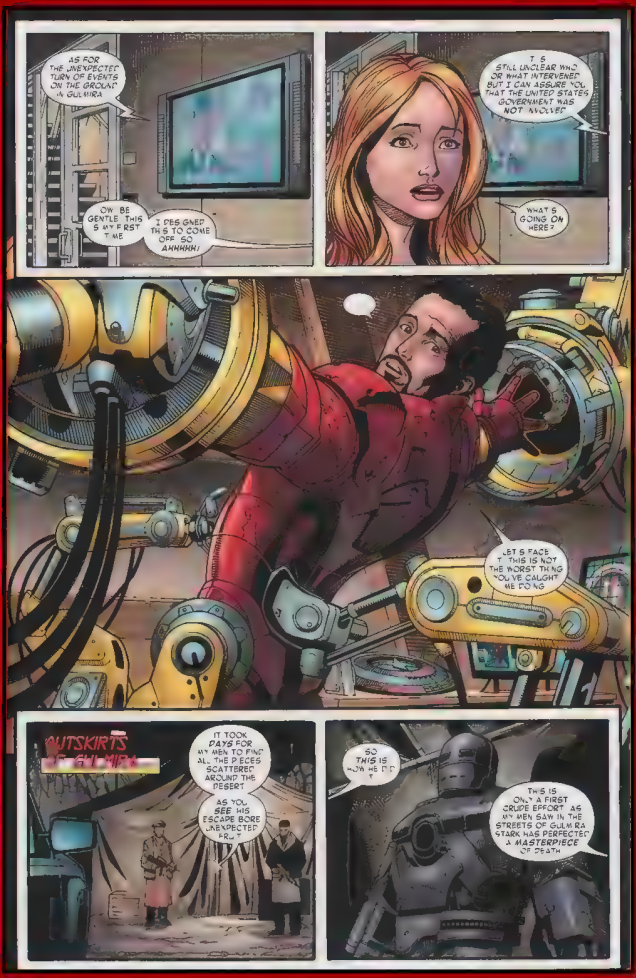

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
NINTH AIR FORCE
HELLO?
WHAT'S THIS RHODES
SPEAK UP PLEASE
WHAT THE HELL'S THAT NOISE?
I'M ON'A NO FLY IN THE TOO DOWN
THERE WAS A WEAPONS DEPOT THAT WAS JUST BLOWN UP A FEW CLICKS FROM WHERE YOU WERE BEIN HELD CAPTIVE
YOU HAVE ANY TECH IN THE AREA I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?
NOPE
GOOD
CAUSE I'M STARING AT ONE ON RADAR RIGHT NOW AND IT'S ABOUT TO BE BLOWN TO KINGDOM COME
OH THAT'S WHEN I GOTTA GO
COLONEL FURY ANOTHER BOGEY WITH AN ENERGY SIGNATURE SIMILAR TO THE ONE FROM KABUL
HOW SIMILAR? HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?
IT'S STRONGER AND IT'S FASTER A LOT
AND TWO F-22 RAPTORS HAVE JUST GONE WEAPONS HOT.
SEND WORD TO EDWARDS HAVE THEM CALL 'EM OFF
TOO LATE COLONEL THEY ATTEMPTED RADIO CONTACT AND GOT NO RESPONSE

THEY'VE ENGAGED THE BOGEY
KA-BOOM
THE SHIP'S ASSET ONE BOGEY DEPLOYED FLARES AGAINST MISSILES
KSHOOOOM
JUST BUSY.
RHODEY'S TO ME WHAT YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT S ME
THIS ISN'T A GAME! YOU DO NOT SEND CIVILIAN EQUIPMENT INTO AN ACTIVE WAR ZONE. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
THIS IS NOT A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT I'M IN IT'S A SUIT IS ME!

WHIPLASH TWO—ON YOUR BELLY LOOKS LIKE A MAN
SHAKE HIM OFF ROLL!
OOOOOF
I'M HIT! I'M HIT!
WHIPLASH ONE DOWN
WHIPLASH TWO. DO YOU SEE A CHUTE?
NEGATIVE! NO CHUTE NO CHUTE
AIR FORCE
MY CHUTE'S JAMMED!

MY CHUTE IS-
FWOOOMMFF
SOOO! CHUTE GOOD CHUTE
NTH AIR FORC
TONY? OH MY GOD YOU CRAZY SON OF A--
YOU OWE ME A PLANE YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
NO. THE LESS I KNOW THE BETTER. NOW WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL THE PRESS?
TRAINING EXERCISE? BUT THAT'S THE USUAL BS?
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE
YEAH. WELL TECHNICALLY HE HIT ME. SO
NOW ARE YOU GONNA COME BY AND SEE WHAT I'M WORKING ON?
AN UNFORTUNATE TRAINING EXERCISE INVOLVING AN F-22 RAPTOR OCCURRED YESTERDAY. THE PILOT WAS NOT INJURED


AS FOR THE UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS ON THE GROUND IN GULMIRA
OW. BE GENTLE. THIS S MY F RST T ME
I PES GNED TH S TO COME OFF SO. AHHHH!
T S STILL UNCLEAR WHO OR WHAT INTERVENED BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED
WHAT S GOING ON HERE?
LET S FACE T. THIS IS NOT THE WORST THING YOU VE CAUGHT ME DO NG
OUTSKIRTS OF GULMIRA
IT TOOK DAYS FOR MY MEN TO FIND ALL THE P ECES SCATTERED AROUND THE DESERT
AS YOU SEE HIS ESCAPE BORE UNEXPECTED FRU T
SO THIS IS HOW HE D D T
THIS IS ONLY A FIRST CRUDE EFFORT AS MEN SAW IN THE STREETS OF GULM RA STARK HAS PERFECTED A MASTERPIECE OF DEATH

A MAN WITH A DOZEN OF THESE CAN RULE ALL OF ASIA
AND YOU, CREAM OF STARK'S THRONE, WE HAVE A COMMON ENEMY
IF WE ARE STILL IN BUSINESS I WILL GIVE YOU THESE DESIGNS AS A GIFT AND A TURN
I HOPE YOU'LL REPAY ME WITH A GIFT OF IRON SOLDIERS
ZZZZT
THIS IS THE ONLY GIFT YOU SHALL RECEIVE
DON'T WORRY THE PARALYSIS ONLY LASTS FIFTEEN MINUTES. THAT IS THE LEAST OF YOUR PROBLEMS
CRATE UP THE ARMOR LET'S FINISH UP HERE
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
GET UP SECTOR SIXTEEN UNDERNEATH THE ARC REACTOR. RECRUIT OUR TOP ENGINEERS. I WANT A PROTOTYPE RIGHT AWAY

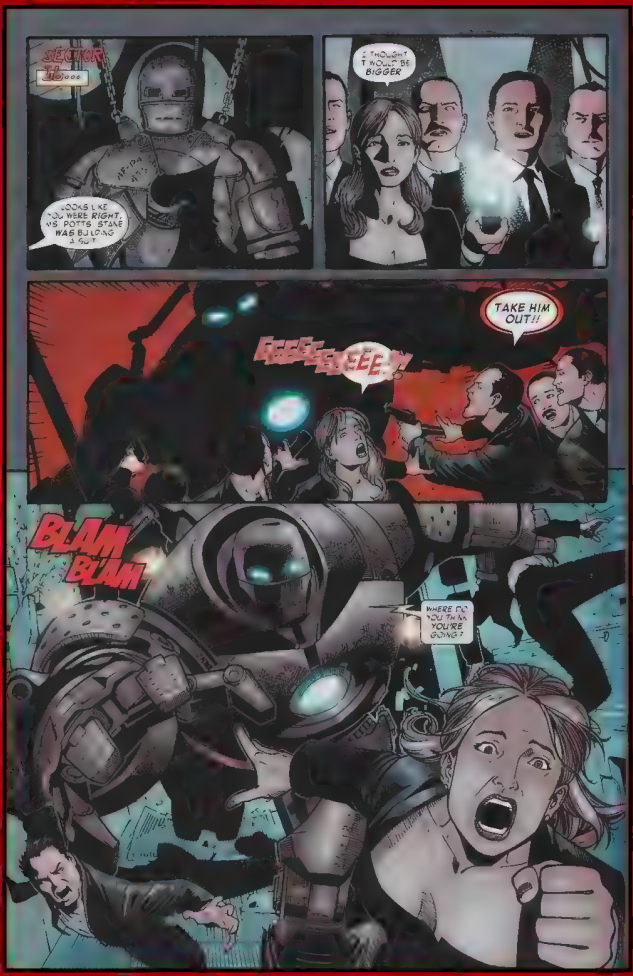
PEPPER. I NEED YOU TO GO TO MY OFFICE, HACK INTO THE MAINFRAME AND RETRIEVE ALL THE RECENT SHIPPING MANIFESTS.
THEY'VE BEEN DEALING UNDER THE TABLE AND I'M GONNA STOP 'EM. I'M GONNA FIND MY WEAPONS AND DESTROY THEM.
TONY. I CANNOT HELP YOU IF YOU'RE GONNA START ALL OF THIS AGAIN.
THERE IS NOTHING EXCEPT THIS. THERE'S NO ART OPENING. NO BENEFIT. NOTHING TO SIGN. THERE'S THE NEXT MISSION AND NOTHING ELSE.
THEY QUIT.
YOU STOOD BY MY SIDE ALL THESE YEARS WHILE I REAPED THE BENEFITS OF DESTRUCTION.
AND NOW THAT I'M TRYING TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE THAT I PUT IN HARM'S WAY, YOU'RE GONNA WALK OUT?
YOU'RE GONNA KILL YOURSELF, TONY. I'M NOT GONNA BE A PART OF IT.
PEPPER. I SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE UNLESS IT WAS FOR A REASON.
I JUST FINALLY KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO AND I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT IT'S RIGHT.
SIGH.
TONY. YOU'RE ALL I HAVE TOO. YOU KNOW.

YOU DID NOT TELL US THAT THE TARGET YOU PAID US TO KILL WAS THE GREAT TONY STARK
GHOST DRIVE FOUND
Sector 16 Files
OH MY GOD
HE SO CAN SEE WHAT A FRAME
YOUR DECEPTION AND LIES WILL COST YOU DEARLY. THE PRICE TO KILL TONY STARK HAS JUST GONE UP
DOWNLOAD COMPLETE
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH
I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN HE CAME HOME. IT WAS LIKE WE GOT HIM BACK FROM THE DEAD AND NOW I REALIZE HELL
TONY NEVER REALLY DID COME HOME. HE LEFT A PART OF HIMSELF THAT DAYS

"YOU'RE A VERY RARE WOMAN"
THANKS I'D BETTER GET BACK TO "ON"
MS. POTTS? AGENT COULSON DID YOU FORGET ABOUT OUR APPOINTMENT?
DOWNLOAD COMPLETE
NOPE RIGHT NOW COME WITH ME
RIGHT NOW?
UP WALK W TH ME
BECAUSE I'M GONNA GIVE YOU THE MEETING OF YOUR LIFE
PEPPER CALLING
BDREEP BDREEP

ARRRHHHH!!!
ZTTTT
YOU REMEMBER THIS ONE RIGHT? IT'S A SHAME THE GOVERNMENT DON'T APPROVE THEM. THERE'S SO MANY APPLICATIONS FOR CAUSING SHORT-TERM PARALYSIS
WHEN I ORDERED THE HIT ON YOU, I WORRIED THAT I WAS KILLING THE GOLDEN GOOSE. BUT YOU SEE IT WAS JUST FATE THAT YOU SURVIVED THAT
YOU HAD ONE LAST GOLDEN EGG TO GIVE
THIS IS YOUR LEGACY. A NEW GENERATION OF WEAPONS WITH THIS AT ITS HEART
WEAPONS THAT WILL HELP STEER THE WORLD BACK ON COURSE. PUT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN OUR HANDS. THE RIGHT HANDS
TOO BAD YOU HAD TO INVOLVE PEPPER IN THIS
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT SHE LIVED
I WAS IN TONY'S OFFICE AND I FOUND A HOSTAGE VIDEO THAT AND SOME PLANS FOR SOMETHING STANE HAS GOING IN SECTOR EATERN.
OKAY. WHERE'S TONY NOW?
I DON'T KNOW. HE'S NOT ANSWERING HIS PHONE. PLEASE GO OVER THERE AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S OKAY.
OH, Y

TONY TONY, YOU OKAY?
I AM NOW. WHERE IS PEPPER?
SHE'S FINE. SHE'S WITH FIVE AGENTS THEY'RE ABOUT TO ARREST OBADIAH AT SECTOR SIXTEEN.
THEY'RE NOT GONNA BE ENOUGH.
THAT IS THE COOLEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN.
NOT BAD, HUH? LET'S DO IT.
YOU NEED ME TO DO ANYTHING ELSE?
KEEP UP, OLD MAN.
WHAT?
NEXT TIME, BABY.


SECTOR 7G
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT, VIC. POTTS' STANE WAS BUILDING A SUIT.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BIGGER
TAKE HIM OUT!!
BLAM BLAM
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

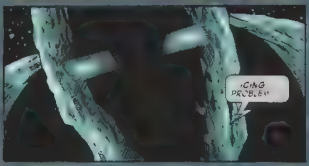
PEPPER?
TONY. O-OBAD'AH HE'S GONE INSANE HE BUILT A SUIT. HE--
YOUR SERVICES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED
AAAAAA--!
STAAAAAAAE

SIR, THE SUIT'S AT FORTY-EIGHT PERCENT POWER AND FALLING. THAT CHEST PIECE WAS NEVER DESIGNED FOR--
KEEP UP POWER, JAR-1
COLLATERAL DAMAGE, TONY
JUST BE DOWN
JAR-1, DIVERT POWER TO REPULSORS
BLAM
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, DOUG. NOW.

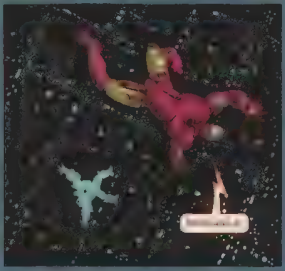
I BUILT THIS COMPANY FROM NOTHING
AND NO ONE IS GOING TO STAND IN MY WAY
HYDROGE
RED
EAST OF
I SEE YOU'VE "UPGRADED" YOUR ARMOR. I'VE MADE SOME UPGRADES OF MY OWN!
SO IT APPEARS THAT HIS SUIT CAN FLY.
FURY, NOTED. TAKE ME TO MAXIMUM ALTITUDE
WITH ONLY FIFTEEN PERCENT POWER, THE ODDS OF REACHING THAT IS...
I KNOW THE MATH, DO...

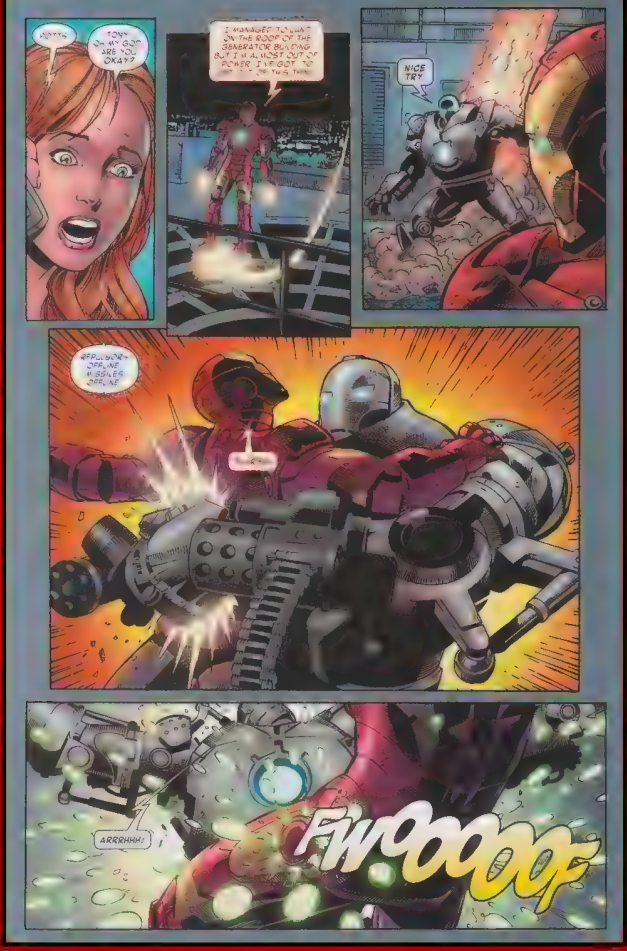
THREE PERCENT POWER 2?
OH, HIS
ELEVEL PERCENT
KEEP GOIN'!
SEVEL PERCENT POWER
STOP TELLIN ME

YOU HAD A GREAT IDEA TONY BUT MY SUIT IS MORE ADVANCED IN EVERY WAY
HOW'D YOU SOLVE THE CANCER PROBLEM?


CING PROBLEM

DON'T NOBODY CALLS HIS NAME?
HIS ARE NOW RUNNING ON EMERGENCY BACKUP POWER



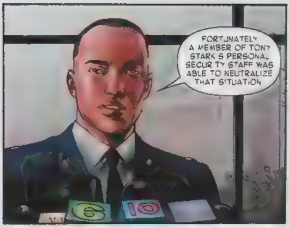

PEPPER!
TONY! OH MY GOD ARE YOU OKAY?
I MANAGED TO JUMP ON THE ROOF OF THE GENERATOR BUILDING BUT I'M ALMOST OUT OF POWER. I'VE GOT TO
NICE TRY
REPULSOR OFF. NE HIGGLER OFF. NE
ARRRHHH!
FWOOOOP

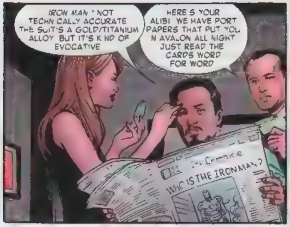
POTTS. THIS ISN'T WORKING. WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO OVERLOAD THE REACTOR AND BLAST THE ROOF.
WELL. HOW ARE YOU GONNA DO THAT?
YOU'RE GONNA DO IT.
GO TO THE CENTRAL CONSOLE. OPEN UP ALL THE CIRCUITS.
WHEN I GET CLEAR OF THE ROOF I'LL LET YOU KNOW. YOU'RE GONNA HIT THE MASTER BYPASS BUTTON. IT'LL FRY EVERYTHING UP HERE.
OPENING CIRCUITS.
MAKE SURE YOU WAIT UNTIL I CLEAR THE ROOF TO HIT THE BYPASS
HA. BUT YOU SOUND TIRE
THIS DOES IMPORTANT
SHOULD TAKE OUT ALL YOUR SOFT CALS

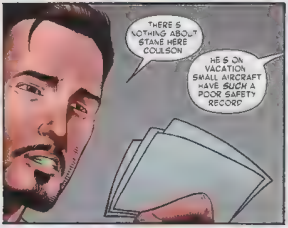
I NEVER HAD A TASTE FOR THIS SORT OF THING
BUT I MUST HAVE IT
I'M DEEPLY ENJOYING THE CUT
KRNCH
IT'S READY TONY. GET OFF THE ROOF
KRUM
BAROOM BAROOM BAROOM

I TRYING TO RID THE WORLD OF WEAPONS!
YOU GAVE IT ITS BEST ONE EVER!
AND NOW I'M GONNA KILL YOU WITH IT!
PEPPER TIME TO HIT THE BUTTON!
PUSH IT!
YOU TOLD ME NOT TO! YOU'LL DIE
KLIK
FATE

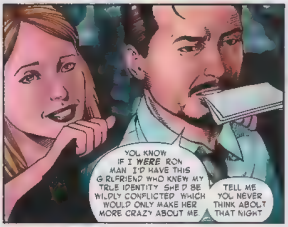
YOU'VE ALL READ VEP THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT
A ROBOTIC PROTOTYPE MALFUNCTIONED AND CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE ARC REACTOR

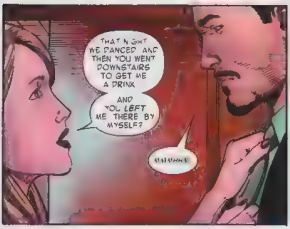

FORTUNATELY A MEMBER OF TONY STARK'S PERSONAL SECURITY STAFF WAS ABLE TO NEUTRALIZE THAT SITUATION

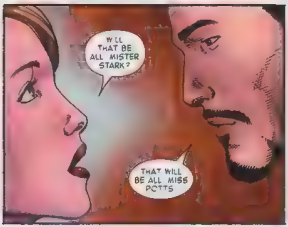

IRON MAN " NOT TECHNICALLY ACCURATE THE SUIT'S A GOLD/TITANIUM ALLOY BUT IT'S KIND OF EVOCATIVE
HERE'S YOUR ALIBI WE HAVE PORT PAPERS THAT PUT YOU IN AVALON ALL NIGHT JUST READ THE CARDS WORD FOR WORD
WHO IS THE IRONMAN?


THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT STANE HERE COULSON
HE'S ON VACATION SMALL AIRCRAFT HAVE SUCH A POOR SAFETY RECORD

YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM US.
FROM THE STRATEGIC HOMELAND INT--?
JUST CALL US S.H.I.E.L.D


YOU KNOW IF I WERE IRON MAN I'D HAVE THIS GIRLFRIEND WHO KNEW MY TRUE IDENTITY SHE'D BE WILDLY CONFLICTED WHICH WOULD ONLY MAKE HER MORE CRAZY ABOUT ME
TELL ME YOU NEVER THINK ABOUT THAT NIGHT


THAT'S SWEET WE DANCED AND THEN YOU WENT DOWNSTAIRS TO GET ME A DRINK
AND YOU LEFT ME THERE BY MYSELF?
GULP


WILL THAT BE ALL MISTER STARK?
THAT WILL BE ALL MISS POTTS

UH BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS IN FRONT OF YOU I FIGURE I'LL STICK TO THE CARDS THIS TIME
THERE'S BEEN SPECULATION THAT I WAS INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS THAT--
I'M SORRY MISTER STARK
BUT DO YOU HONESTLY EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT WAS A BODYGUARD IN A SUIT THAT CONVENIENTLY APPEARED--?
I KNOW THAT IT'S CONFUSING BUT CLEARLY I'M NOT THE HERO TYPE WITH MY LAUNDRY LIST OF CHARACTER DEFECTS
JUST STICK TO THE CARDS MAN
YEAH OKAY YEAH THE TRUTH IS
I AM IRON MAN
THAT NIGHT...
I AM IRON MAN YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY SUPER HERO IN THE WORLD?

HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?
MISTER STARK YOU'VE BECOME PART OF A BIGGER UNIVERSE YOU JUST DON'T KNOW IT YET
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
NICK FURY DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
I AM HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE AVENGERS INITIATIVE
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
I THINK THE TWELFTH OF NEVER IS OPEN
GOOD DAY, SIR.
YOU WANT AN INITIATIVE? FINE TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND LEAVE BEFORE I CALL MY SECURITY GUARD TO ESCORT YOU.
YOU MAY HAVE READ ABOUT HIM BIG GUY REPULSOR RAYS YOU'D LIKE HIM.
MR. STARK I CAME HERE TO OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY.

OPPORTUNITIES AREN'T OFFERED THEY'RE TAKEN. IF THERE'S ONE OUT THERE I'LL FIND IT MYSELF
I DON'T NEED GOVERNMENT NTRUDERS IN MY HOUSE PANGLING THEM
YOU KNOW THE WAY OUT MR FURRY
FURY. AND I'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU STARK
WELL YOU'VE JUST GOT THE ONE SO TRY NOT TO TRIP OVER ANYTHING
SOULSON THIS IS FURY LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD OUR BOY PEGGED?
SO HE'S A NO-GO COLONEL?
OH WE'LL GO HE JUST NEEDS THE RIGHT APPROACH
NFORM NATASHA WE'LL BE NEEDING HER SERVICES
IRON MAN 2: PUBLIC ENEMY
& ONLY IN THEATERS
IRON MAN 2

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SO I'M GOING TO A HOSPITAL?
OBADIAH BEAT THE HELL OUT OF YOU, TONY. COULD BE INTERNAL INJURIES
I GOT ORDERS TO GET YOU IN THIS AMBULANCE
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WHAT HOSPITAL WE HEADED FOR?
UHHH. FIRST MERCY.
FIRST MERCY IS BACK THAT WAY.
SO WHERE ARE WE REALLY GOING?
IT'S A SURPRISE
LIKE A PRESENT? SO WHEN THIS OPENS I'M GOING TO FIND A TALL, LEGGY BLONDE, OR A PETITE REDHEAD, OR

NOT
PHIL COULSON AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT, MR STARK
AND STAND DOWN, MR RHODES. THIS IS JUST A HOUSE CALL AT UNCLE SAM'S ESTATES
THERE. THIS IS WHAT I MEAN
YOU REPEATEDLY WENT TOE-TO-TOE
YOU'RE A TECHNOLOGICAL GENIUS, MR STARK, BUT YOU'RE NOT SO GOOD AT THE FIGHTING THING
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I THINK MAYBE YOU'RE BEING RECRUITED.
INCIDENTALLY, YOU DO KINDA SUCK IN A FIGHT
YOU KEPT ATTACKING HIS STRENGTHS. BUT THE TRUE ART OF WAR IS TO ATTACK AN OPPONENT'S WEAKNESS

I THINK I KNOW HOW TO FIGHT
NOT YET. YOU DON'T YOU HIT LIKE AN INVENTOR.
YEAH, I KNOW I'VE WATCHED PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.
RHODEY THINKS YOU'RE TRYING TO RECRUIT ME
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
FIGHTING ISN'T LIKE SCIENCE, OR TECHNOLOGY.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CHEAT
YOU'VE CREATED SOMETHING AMAZING. SOMETHING THAT MAY WELL CHANGE THE WORLD
BUT THE ARMOR'S CREATION WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP. NOW COMES THE REAL BATTLE
THAT IS, IF YOU'RE WILLING.
I AM.

THEN WALK WITH ME
GOING TO SHOW US THE REST OF THE CLUBHOUSE?
ACTUALLY YES
WHOA! DANG!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
S.H.I.E.L.D. STRATEGIC HOMELAND INTERVENTION ENFORCEMENT AND LOGISTICS DIVISION. YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK. HARD WORK

WE KEEP OUR FINGERS ON AMERICA'S PULSE, AND BELIEVE ME, AMERICA HAS VEINS IN EVERY SECTION OF THE WORLD.
YOU'RE A POET, AGENT COULSON
WE HAVE A TEAM CALLED DAMAGE CONTROL ON SCENE RIGHT NOW, AT YOUR FACTORY AND ON THE HIGHWAY.
THEY ASSESS AND CONTROL MESSES LIKE THIS, BOTH FROM THE PHYSICAL AND MEDIA STANDPOINTS
WE HAVE AGENTS WITHIN SEVERAL KEY GOVERNMENTS
HECK, SOMETIMES OUR AGENTS ARE THE GOVERNMENT
WE HAVE A TEAM OF EXPERTS THAT WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO FIGHT.
PERHAPS MR RHODES COULD HELP WITH THAT
AN EXCUSE TO SMACK TONY AROUND? I VOLUNTEER.
AND WE HAVE AN ESPIONAGE UNIT SECOND TO NONE.
INCLUDING A SUBDIVISION IN CHARGE OF PROVIDING YOU WITH AN IRONCLAD ALIBI FOR HOW YOU ARE NOT IRON MAN, AND YOU WERE NOT EVEN IN THE STATES EARLIER THIS EVENING, DURING THE BATTLE

IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST IF YOU WEREN'T JUST LET THE SPOOKS SLIDE YOU AWAY FROM THE MESS
AND THIS COSTS ME HOW MUCH?
NOTHING. NOTHING AT ALL UNTIL WE NEED OUR BACKS SCRATCHED, AND THEN WE'LL EXPECT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT WE SCRATCHED YOURS.
STARK. THE POET, COULSON.
NO, SIR. ALWAYS THE AGENT.
NOW, WE'VE HAD YOUR MS. PEPPER POTTS SCHEDULE A STARK INDUSTRIES PRESS CONFERENCE FOR TOMORROW AT EIGHT. YOUR ALIBI WILL BE IN PLACE BY THEN
WHAT SHOULD I SAY AT THIS PRESS CONFERENCE?
I'M BETTING THEY'LL GIVE YOU A SCRIPT, TONY. JUST STICK TO IT.
CORRECT. WE'VE GONE TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO KEEP THIS WHOLE EPISODE AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE.
I UNDERSTAND, AGENT COULSON. I'M A MAN WHO KNOWS WHEN IT'S TIME TO KEEP QUIET.
THANK YOU, MR. STARK. WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
STARK INDUSTRIES. THE NEXT DAY.
I AM IRON MAN.
LOW-KEY, A
THE END.

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IRON MAN 2

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PHIL COULSON
AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

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JUST OFF THE FARM
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VC's CLAYTON COWLES LETTERER
MAKE SURE THEY DON'T WASH THE JET
AND REMEMBER, ALL RECORDING DEVICES SHOULD BE SET TO--
BRRRT BRRRT
AGENT COULSON
COULSON THIS IS FURY--
I GATHER YOU'RE STILL SUPERVISING THE ROGUE AIRMAN ARREST
INTEREST'NG PRESS CONFERENCE AT STARK INDUSTRIES B' THE WAY...I'VE TELEVISION CAN BE SO EXCITING SOMETIMES

from Marvel Knights: Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. Story 1/8

YES SIR. I KNOW. I'D SPOKEN TO HIM BEFOREHAND AND HE JUST WENT UP THERE AND
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. I'LL BE PAYING A VISIT TO MISTER STARK
THIS IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT
SIR ?
NEW RECRUIT JUST OFF THE FARM. HE'S READY FOR HIS FIRST FIELD OP
AND PER STANDARD SHIELD PROTOCOL, HE NEEDS SOMEONE TO MONITOR HIS BABY STEPS
UNDERSTOOD SIR. JUST GET ME THE COORDINATES AND I'LL BE THERE
ENTHUSIASTIC AS ALWAYS, I... I'D LIKE SOME REASSURANCE THAT YOU'RE UP FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT. IT'S BEEN A BUSY COUPLE OF WEEKS
YOU'RE SURE YOU DON'T NEED A LITTLE RAR ?
NO SIR I'M GOOD TO GO
NEW AGENTS NEED TO BE RAZOR SHARP
I UNDERSTAND FULLY THE VALUE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT.

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"SEND ME HIS FILE AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST."
MMMMM...
MISTER HENDRICKS
I'M SPECIAL AGENT COULSON
I'M SURE THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING.
AFTER BEING RECRUITED OUT OF STANFORD AFTER THREE YEARS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING, NO DOUBT YOU WERE HOPING FOR SOME SORT OF CEREMONY TO MARK THE OCCASION.
WE DON'T DO THAT.

YES, SIR. I GATHERED AS MUCH
SO, I'M SUPERVISING YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT, A BIT OF SURVEILLANCE TO GET YOUR FEET WET AND AS
I'VE READ YOUR FILE. I KNOW WHAT YOUR SPECIALTIES ARE, BUT DON'T ASSUME THIS JOB IS BENEATH YOU.
GATHERING RELIABLE INTEL IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT TO
BRAKK! BRAKK!
AGENT COULSON
YES, SIR
AND THAT'S CONFIRMED? THEY'RE RIGHT IN THE VICINITY?
WELL, I'VE GOT SOME FRESH MEAT HERE, BUT I'M SURE THAT HE
RIGHT. WE'RE ON IT, SIR.
AND SO ARE WE.
WHAT THE HELL...?
FORGET THE SURVEILLANCE OP. WE'RE ON THE CLOCK TO INTERCEPT A TERRORIST CELL.
TEN RINGS OPERATIVES RIGHT HERE IN THE CITY. THEY'RE ON THE MOVE--

STAY CLOSE TEN RINGS ON AMERICAN SOIL...S WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR--!
NOW THAT THEY'RE HERE, THEIR MOVES WILL BE MUCH MORE SEVERE.'
TONIGHT 'S UP TO US TO--

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NO!

!PANT!
!PANT!
!PANT!
...OTHER THAN LETTING THE DRIVER GET AWAY, THAT WAS EFFICIENT.
CONGRATULATIONS, HENDRICKS...
!PANT!
!PANT!
WHAT--?!
NO BODY--?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

I-I SAW IT...
YOU--
IMPORTANT ORDER OF FIELD WORK.
DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DON'T LET YOUR EMOTIONS DICTATE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.
I TOLD YOU BEFORE... INITIATION INTO OUR RANKS IS A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED THAN, SAY, GRADUATING FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY.
THIS KIND OF MANUFACTURED SCENARIO...SOMETIMES IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW FOR SURE HOW YOU'LL DO UNDER FIRE.
BUT YOU DID FINE. NICK FURY'S GOING TO LOVE YOU.
AGENT HENDRICKS.
WELCOME TO S.H.I.E.L.D.
END

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MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE

"I created an iron suit, to protect my people..."
~ Ghostface Killah